



LPS Extracurricular Activities Response

TO: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools
FROM: Robin Desmond, Chief Academic Officer *R. Desmond*
DATE: December 9, 2020

The following report is in response to the motion by Michael Dillon Jr.:

Recommend that the Superintendent continue to support LPS students, coaches, and advisors to maintain in-person extracurricular activities offered within the school district.

Lowell Public Schools (LPS) recognizes the benefits of extracurricular activities. Extracurricular activities provide students with vital opportunities to expand on learning and experiences beyond the classroom. Extracurricular activities provide students with new skills, support in the development of peer relationships, academic performance supports, time management skills and readiness for college and career opportunities.

LPS will continue to provide extracurricular experiences for students for the 2020-2021 school year. Included in this response is: a memorandum from Lowell High School (LHS) Athletic Director, David Lezenski, detailing the LHS winter athletics plan, a list of LHS clubs and advisors and the weekly schedule provided by Thomas Thornton, LHS Student Affairs and Activities Coordinator, and the current 21st Century Afterschool Programming for students in grades 1-8 provided by Carolyn Rocheleau, LPS 21st Century Program Coordinator.



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From: Mr. David M. Lezenski, Director of Athletics and Physical Education, Lowell Public Schools

cc: Mr. Michael Fiato, Head of School, Lowell High School

re: DESE/MIAA/MVC COVID-19 Return to Play - ***Winter Athletics***

The following is a summation of the winter athletics plan of action to be implemented by Lowell High School - Department of Athletics and the Merrimack Valley Conference (MVC) for the winter season (December 14 - February 22).

Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Swimming, Boys Gymnastics and Girls Gymnastics are all scheduled for participation during the winter season.

A two-phase approach will be adhered to:

Phase I (Practices/Tryouts) - Starts December 14, 2020

- The winter sports season for practices/tryouts will begin no earlier than December 14. Individual schools in the MVC will make decisions about the timing for beginning practices/tryouts based upon the local context of each school community. In Lowell, we will begin on Monday, December 14, 2020.
- Over the four weeks of Phase I (December 14, 2020 - January 10, 2021), schools will assess the effectiveness of sports modifications and cleaning protocols, as well as the trajectory of the virus, to determine if athletics can proceed to Phase II

Phase II (Interscholastic Competitions) - Starts January 11, 2021

- Interscholastic competitions can start no earlier than January 11, 2021.
- Schedules will be designed, by sport, to minimize the number of schools within a competitive cohort in a given week.
- Spectators will not be permitted to attend any indoor competitions.

The Merrimack Valley Conference (MVC) and its' members, Lowell, Andover, Billerica, Central Catholic, Chelmsford, Dracut, Haverhill, Lawrence, Methuen, North Andover, Tewksbury continue meeting to discuss the formulation of winter schedules, season long operations, game day operations, game day staffing, venue restrictions, streaming of contests, use of athletic training facilities, closure of locker rooms, use of rest rooms and travel considerations, while noting that ALL EEA, DESE and MIAA rules and regulations must be followed.

2020/2021 LOWELL HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORS

Thomas Thornton.....Coordinator of Student Affairs and Activities

The following are currently appointed advisors.

PAID ADVISORS

Lisa CollocaNational Honor Society
MaryAnn DysonInternational Language Club
Mary Ann DysonILC-Spanish Chapter
Yaraliz AmezcuitaILC-Assistant Advisor
Chenda PrakILC-Khmer Chapter
Jeannine AmeduriILC- French Chapter
Robin BootsILC Junior Classical League
Patricia Williams.....Gay Straight Alliance
Bryanna Laughlin Black Unity Club
Rafael Quiles..... South Asian Club
Amanda ErnstMock Trial
Natalie Uribe.....After School Dance Ensemble
Jill TaylorBusiness Professionals of America
Thomas Thornton.... Pep Club
Jay DeFrankFlags & Color Guard
OPENEnvironmental Club
Emily SteinbergScience Club
Ben TilestonAfter School Band (NEW ADVISOR)
Michael WinslowAfter School Choral Arts
David Smith ROTC Honor Guard
Kevin Casilli ROTC Drill Team
Faye O’LearyYearbook
Laura ChaceMath Club
Leonard MachadoAfter School Theatre Arts Program
Sgt. D. Smith ROTCChess Club
Kendra BauerOutdoor Adventure
Donna NewcombOutdoor Adventure Assistant
Bryan WilkinsTV/Film Production
OPENEngineering/Robotics
Michelle SnetsingerPALS/Student Wellness Activity Team
Rafael Quiles..... Tenacity Challenge
Kara Pigeon.....Future Educators of America

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2:45pm-4:00pm					
	National Honor Society.... Remote	Future Teachers.....Hybrid	Bus Pro of America.....Hybrid	TV Production.....Hybrid	Mock Trial ...Hybrid
		Chess Club - Remote			
	Elevate Program	Elevate Program	Elevate Program	Elevate Program	Pep Club... Hybrid
		Yearbook.....Remote			
		Student Council ... Hybrid	South Asian Club..... Remotely	Black Unity Club....Hybrid	
	Dance Ensemble.....Hybrid	Int. Language Club..... Hybrid	Dance Ensemble..... Hybrid	Step Team	
		Model UN...Hybrid	Outdoor Adventure..... Remote	Math Club...remote.	
		TV Production...Hybrid..		PALS.....Hybrid	
		Best Buddies..... In Person		Science ClubRemote, wefaiee	
3:30pm to 5:30pm				Tenacity Challenge...Remote	
4:30pm-8:30pm				Rainbow Alliance. GC : WFVVK2	
				Choral Arts ' Sounstations	
				Choral Arts - Sound Impressions	
ROTC					
6:30am-7:15am	Drill Practice	Drill Practice	Drill Practice	Drill Practice	
2:45pm-3:45pm	Fit Eagle	Fit Eagle	Fit Eagle	Fit Eagle	

21st Century Afterschool Enrichment Programs 2020/2021

SCHOOL	Site Administrator	Grades Served	Types of Programming offered
MOREY	Chris Crowley	1-4	Coding 3D printing Creating a Newspaper Stem Class National Park tours Homework/Tutoring Comic book creations and non-fiction writing
BUTLER	Fernanda Lopes	5-8	Engineering and Building w/ Cardboard Language Club Elevate NE Cooking Flag Football Read to Lead Mock Trials Band Anime Art Ukulele Lessons Minecraft for Education Coding Yoga Girls Inc.
SHAUGHNESSY	Sean Rogers	1-4	Creative Minds and Building Design Project Craze Environmental Adventures with Drumlin Farm Shark Help (tutoring and solving tech issues for students)
STOKLOSA	Kyle Dolliver	5-8	Guitar Lessons STEM Chemistry Class Basketball Skills and Drills Mill City Grows – Garden Club Computer Programming Mock Trial
LOWELL HIGH COMPASS Program	Katie Keefe	9	Academic Support/Tutoring Green Dragons Environmental Warriors Kind Crew Arts Alive Money Matters
Robinson Middle	Sue MacLeod	5-8	Cooking Athletics Music STEM

			Knitting
McAuliffe	Kristin Wade	1-4	Yoga and Mindfulness/SEL mornings 8-9 Gardening Project Lead the Way Mass Audubon- Environmental Homework Helpline
Lincoln	Rachel Margalione	1-4	Picture Book Projects STEAM- Project Based Learning Audubon- Environmental Mill City Grows- Gardening and Environmental
McAvinnue	Kate Burgess-Macintosh Kim Vespo	1-4	Healthy Habits with Food Corps PEERsuasion with Girls Inc. Dig Into. to Dinos Mass Audubon- Environmental Adventures Dance
Sullivan	Anabel DaSilva	5-8	Math Games & Support Minecraft Build Challenges SCIENCE & NATURE Yoga Flag football Cooking Dance Money Smart Virtual Band Mock Trials Ocean Education Club Mason Jar Science Tynker Crafting with Paper Mache Brain Games
Murkland	Lindsay Serpe Colleen Brown	1-4	All About Space Fairytale (book/craft/activity) STEM Sound and Light Mystery Science Mindfulness/Social Emotional/ Yoga Mass Conservation/Audubon Umbrella Arts Juggling/Cup Stacking Electricity